AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (previously presented) A method for initiating a software download, comprising:
a)   accessing via a network a page of a web site utilizing a browser application running on a client computer, wherein a plug-in application resides in the web site;
b)   determining whether the client computer is suitable for receiving the plug-in application;
c)   downloading the plug-in application from the web site to the client computer via the network if the client computer is determined to be suitable for receiving the plug-in application, wherein the plug-in application has instructions for downloading a download manager application to the client computer via the network;
d)   downloading the download manager application to the client computer via the network utilizing the plug-in application, wherein the download manager application has instructions for downloading a software application in chunks to the client computer via the network; and
e)   downloading the software application in chunks to the client computer via the network utilizing the download manager application.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plug-in application comprises at least one of an ActiveX control and a JavaScript application.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a security feature of the browser application of the client computer requires that a user authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

4.   (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the security feature includes displaying a message to the user that notifies the user to authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

5.   (original) The method of claim 3, wherein another page of the web site is displayed to the user if the authorization to download the plug-in application is denied by the user.

6.   (original) The method of claim 3, wherein information about whether or not the downloading of the plug-in application was authorized by the user is stored in the client computer.

7.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application includes determining whether the number of times the client computer has accessed the web site is under a predetermined threshold number.

8.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein another page of the web site is displayed on the client computer if the client computer is determined to be unsuitable for receiving the plug-in application.

9.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a license agreement is displayed on the client computer to the user prior to the downloading of the plug-in application.

10.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application is carried out by another web site.

11.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the page of the web site launches a window which initiates the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application.

12.   (previously presented) A system for initiating a software download, comprising:
a)   logic for accessing via a network a page of a web site utilizing a browser application running on a client computer, wherein a plug-in application resides in the web site;
b)   logic for determining whether the client computer is suitable for receiving the plug-in application;
c)   logic for downloading the plug-in application from the web site to the client computer via the network if the client computer is determined to be suitable for receiving the plug-in application, wherein the plug-in application has instructions for downloading a download manager application to the client computer via the network;
d)   logic for downloading the download manager application to the client computer via the network utilizing the plug-in application, wherein the download manager application has instructions for downloading a software application in chunks to the client computer via the network; and
e)   logic for downloading the software application in chunks to the client computer via the network utilizing the download manager application.

13.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein the plug-in application comprises at least one of an ActiveX control and a JavaScript application.

14.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein a security feature of the browser application of the client computer requires that a user authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

15.   (original) The system of claim 14, wherein the security feature includes displaying a message to the user that notifies the user to authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

16.   (original) The system of claim 14, wherein another page of the web site is displayed to the user if the authorization to download the plug-in application is denied by the user.

17.   (original) The system of claim 14, wherein information about whether or not the downloading of the plug-in application was authorized by the user is stored in the client computer.

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18.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein determining the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application includes determining whether the number of times the client computer has accessed the web site is under a predetermined threshold number.

19.   (previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein another page of the web site is displayed on the client computer if the client computer is determined to be unsuitable for receiving the plug-in application.

20.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein a license agreement is displayed on the client computer to the user prior to the downloading of the plug-in application.

21.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application is carried out by another web site.

22.   (original) The system of claim 12, wherein the page of the web site launches a window which initiates the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application.

23.   (previously presented) A computer-readable medium comprising:
a)   computer code for accessing via a network a page of a web site utilizing a browser application running on a client computer, wherein a plug-in application resides in the web site;
b)   computer code for determining whether the client computer is suitable for receiving the plug-in application;
c)   computer code for downloading the plug-in application from the web site to the client computer via the network if the client computer is determined to be suitable for receiving the plug-in application, wherein the plug-in application has instructions for downloading a download manager application to the client computer via the network;
d)   computer code for downloading the download manager application to the client computer via the network utilizing the plug-in application, wherein the download manager application has instructions for downloading a software application in chunks to the client computer via the network; and
e)   computer code for downloading the software application in chunks to the client computer via the network utilizing the download manager application.

24.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the plug-in application comprises at least one of an ActiveX control and a JavaScript application.

25.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein a security feature of the browser application of the client computer requires that a user authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

26.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the security feature includes displaying a message to the user that notifies the user to authorize the downloading of the plug-in application.

27.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein another page of the web site is displayed to the user if the authorization to download the plug-in application is denied by the user.

28.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein information about whether or not the downloading of the plug-in application was authorized by the user is stored in the client computer.

29.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein determining the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application includes determining whether the number of times the client computer has accessed the web site is under a predetermined threshold number.

30.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein another page of the web site is displayed on the client computer if the client computer is determined to be unsuitable for receiving the plug-in application.

31.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein a license agreement is displayed on the client computer to the user prior to the downloading of the plug-in application.

32.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application is carried out by another web site.

33.   (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the page of the web site launches a window which initiates the determination of the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application.

34.   (previously presented) A method for initiating a software download, comprising:
a)   accessing via a network a first page of a web site utilizing a browser application running on a client computer, wherein a plug-in application resides in the web site, wherein the plug-in application comprises at least one of an ActiveX control;
b)   determining whether the client computer is suitable for receiving the plug-in application, wherein determining the suitability of the client computer for receiving the plug-in application includes determining whether the number of times the client computer has accessed the web site is under a predetermined threshold number, wherein a second page of the web site is displayed on the client computer if the client computer is determined to be unsuitable for receiving the plug-in application;
c)   downloading the plug-in application from the web site to the client computer via the network if the client computer is determined to be suitable for receiving the plug-in application, wherein a security feature of the browser application of the client computer

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requires that a user of the client computer authorize the downloading of the plug-in application, wherein the plug-in application has instructions for downloading a download manager application to the client computer from a second web site via the network;

d)   downloading the download manager application to the client computer via the network utilizing the plug-in application, wherein the download manager application has instructions for downloading a software application in chunks to the client computer via the network from a web site other than the web site having the plug-in application; and

e)   downloading the software application in chunks to the client computer via the network utilizing the download manager application.

35.   (currently amended) A method for initiating a software download, the method comprising:

       providing a web page to a client computer over a network;

       offering to provide a software application to a user of the client computer; and

       only if the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a security prompt, downloading the software application to the client computer in chunks[[.]];

       wherein downloading the software application to the client computer in chunks comprises providing a configuration file to the client computer and downloading to the client computer the software application, which is listed in the configuration file.

36.   (previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the network includes an Internet [[.]] and wherein the software application is downloaded to the client computer in accordance with a bandwidth utilization value listed in the configuration file, the bandwidth utilization value being indicative of an amount of available bandwidth the downloading of the software application should consume, the available bandwidth being that of a network connection between the client computer and a server computer providing the software application to the client computer.

37.   (previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the security prompt comprises a VeriSign™ prompt.

38.   (previously presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising:

       providing a download manager to the client computer; and

       using the download manager to download the software application to the client computer.

39.   (currently amended) A method for initiating a software download, the method comprising:

       requesting to receive a web page over a computer network;

       receiving an offer to receive a software application; and

       receiving the software application in chunks only if a user of a client computer that received the web page specifically agrees to receive the software application[[.]];

       wherein receiving the software application in chunks comprises transmitting test data from the client computer to a server computer providing the software application to the client computer, determining a transmission time of the test data, and, based on the

transmission time of the test data, adjusting a process of receiving the software application in the client computer to conform to a bandwidth utilization value, the bandwidth being that of a network connection between the client computer and the server computer.

40.   (currently amended) The method claim 39 wherein the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a security prompt[[.]] and the bandwidth utilization value is included in a configuration file transmitted by the server computer to the client computer.

41.   (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a VeriSign™ prompt.